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SUBJECT: CODEL JAVITS

REF: STATE 301962

1. WE HAVE RESERVED SUITE FOR SENATOR JAVITS AT HOTEL TAMANACO.
PRICE IS BS 272 (\$63.55) PER NIGHT, PLUS TEN PERCENT SERVICE CHARGE.
EMBASSY CAR WITH BILINGUAL DRIVER WILL BE PROVIDED.

2. WE ARE SEEKING APPOINTMENTS WITH PRESIDENT PEREZ, FOREIGN
MINISTER RAMON ESCOVAR SALOM, FINANCE MINISTER HECTOR HURTADO,
MINISTER OF STATE FOR COORDINATION AND PLANNING GUMERSINDO
RODRIGUEZ AND MINISTER OF STATE FOR INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC AFFAIRS
MANUEL PEREZ GUERRERO. IF TIME PERMITS (SENATOR'S ITINERARY
EFFECTIVELY LIMITS HIS CARACAS SCHEDULE TO ONE DAY, JANUARY 13),
WE WILL ARRANGE CALL ON PRESIDENT OF THE NATIONAL CONGRESS AND OF THE
SENATE GONZALO BARRIOS.

3. VENEZUELAN-AMERICAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE PRESIDENT WILLIAM
RHODES, WHO IS ALSO HEAD OF THE CARACAS OFFICE OF THE FIRST NATIONAL
CITY BANK, IS ARRANGING BREAKFAST AT 7:30 AM JANUARY 13 AT
TAMANACO FOR SENATOR WITH REPRESENTATIVE GROUP OF LOCAL US
BUSINESS LEADERS.

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4. MINISTER OF MINES AND HYDROCARBONS VALENTIN HERNANDEZ HAS BEEN INVITED TO ADDRESS THE NEXT REGULARLY-SCHEDULED GENERAL LUNCHEON OF THE VENEZUELAN-AMERICAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE. RHODES IS ENDEAVORING PUT OFF MINISTER'S APPEARANCE BEFORE CHAMBER (ALREADY TWICE POSTPONED BY MINISTER) AND SUBSTITUTE SENATOR JAVITS AS SPEAKER AT THE CHAMBER LUNCHEON AT NOON ON JANUARY 13 AT THE HILTON HOTEL. PROSPECTS FOR THIS SWITCH APPEAR GOOD.

5. AMBASSADOR WILL HOST DINNER AT EMBASSY RESIDENCE JANUARY 13 TO WHICH LEADING VENEZUELAN BANKERS, BUSINESSMEN AND POLITICAL LEADERS WILL BE INVITED, PLUS JAIME MONCAYO OF SELA.

6. SEVENTH UNGA/SS AROUSED MUCH INTEREST HERE, AND SECRETARY'S SPEECH TO THAT GATHERING HAD FAVORABLE LOCAL IMPACT, ESPECIALLY ON MINISTER OF STATE FOR INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC AFFAIRS PEREZ GUERRERO. SENATOR MIGHT THUS WISH TO SPEAK ON THE ATMOSPHERE OF THE SEVENTH UNGA/SS. TRADE ACT'S EXCLUSION OF VENEZUELA, AS AN OPEC MEMBER, FROM THE GSP IS ALSO AN IMPORTANT AND HIGHLY CONTROVERSIAL ITEM HERE. RHODES OF FNCB TELLS US THAT THE US BUSINESS COMMUNITY'S PRINCIPAL INTERESTS ARE THE GSP AND THE TAXATION OF BUSINESSMEN'S OVERSEAS INCOME.

7. SENATOR'S LATE ARRIVAL HERE EVENING OF JANUARY 12 MAKES IT UNLIKELY PRESS REPRESENTATION WILL BE PRESENT AT AIRPORT. ARRIVAL STATEMENT THEREFORE DOES NOT APPEAR NECESSARY. USIS WILL PROVIDE MEDIA WITH ADVANCE STORY OF SENATOR'S VISIT. IF SENATOR DESIRES, USIS CAN ARRANGE FOR HIM TO MEET THE PRESS ON JANUARY 13.
PLEASE ADVISE.
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